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Comment:

I am strongly in favor of the four-lane option, and strongly against the 6-lane options, especially the Pacific Interchange option, which would be an exorbitant disaster. As well as being the most expensive option, the impact of the monstrous Pacific Interchange Option on Arboretum wetlands, the already congested University District area, and surrounding neighborhoods would be enormous. In addition, despite glib assertions that the Pacific Interchange Option will allow integration of light rail from the Eastside with the Husky Stadium stop, it should be pointed out that there is no light rail in the world that can make the 90 degree turn that would be required at the proposed massive 4-lane 6-lane interchange nearly 100 feet above Marsh Island! This interchange will only serve to spread noise throughout the area, and encourage the use of single occupancy vehicles. I am quite concerned that the interests of a well connected and powerful but small community will triumph over the best interests of the environment and the numerous people who live, work, and study around the University District. Please use the second Montlake Bridge option instead, with a 4-lane bridge. Consider converting general purpose lanes on the 4-lane option (and on the approaches to the bridge) to transit only, so as to encourage transit. Global warming is a huge societal problem, and those who can not live near their work, should be strongly encourage to take mass transit.

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Comment Summary:

Pacific Street Interchange Option

Response:

See Section 1.2 of the 2006 Draft EIS Comment Response Report.